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MEDIA ALERT

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Rest Areas on I-85 in Northeast Georgia to Close

WHEN: Tuesday, August 25

WHERE: The I-85 northbound Rest Area in Franklin County and the I-85 southbound Rest Area in Gwinnett County

WHAT: The Georgia Department of Transportation has scheduled the permanent closure of these rest areas. "Many factors have gone into the decision to close these rest areas. Criminal activity is rising at these locations. Safety is definitely a factor in this decision. Private development along the interstate now provides the services offered by rest areas. The condition of the rest areas has deteriorated and the cost to maintain them is high," explained DOT District Engineer Russell McMurry.

The Welcome Center on I-85 south in Hart County will remain open.

The rest areas will be closed August 25. Barricades will be placed at their entrances. Vehicles will not be allowed access to the sites.

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